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Serial No. 09/878,311

Group Art Unit: 1742

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Title: SPINDLE-SHAPED GOETHITE PARTICLES, SPINDLE-SHAPED HEMATITE
PARTICLES, SPINDLE-SHAPED MAGNETIC METAL PARTICLES CONTAINING
IRON AS MAIN COMPONENT AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2003 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due October 28, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a two-month extension of time is \$420 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now December 28, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.